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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: ANOTHER EMISSARY?

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 1830; AND B) DAR ES SALAAM 1945

1. DEREK BRYCESON AND JANE GOODALL RETURNED TO DAR ES SALAAM FROM KIGOMA EVENING OF FRIDAY 6 JUNE. THEIR TRIP TO KIGOMA WAS TO SET IN MOTION ANOTHER EFFORT TO CONTACT KIDNAPPERS.

2. IN EXTENDED DEBRIEFING LAST NIGHT (6 JUNE) BRYCESON TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE DID, IN FACT, ARRANGE FOR THE SENDING OF A MESSAGE FROM HIM TO THE KIDNAPPERS, AND THAT THE ENVOY CARRYING THE BRYCESON MESSAGE ALSO CARRIED THE PACKAGE OF MEDICINES AND NOTE DRAFTED BY OUR HUGH MACDOUGALL (DAR ES SALAAM 1930). ACCORDING TO BRYCESON THE ENVOY LEFT KIGOMA THE A.M. OF FRIDAY 6 JUNE AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO KIGOMA BY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 10 JUNE.

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3. THIS EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIT TOGETHER HOW BRYCESON CAME IN CONTACT WITH OUR MESSENGER, BUT BRYCESON WAS AWARE OF BOTH THE LANGUAGE OF OUR NOTE AND THE CONTENTS OF THE MEDICINE PACKET.

4. THE MESSENGER WHO WAS TAKING THE BRYCESON AND OUR UNSIGNED MESSAGE IS SAID TO BE A PRP PARTY FUNCTIONARY. HE HAD BEEN IN KIGOMA SINCE APRIL AND DURING THAT PERIOD UNDERWENT A HERNIA OPERATION. BRYCESON SAYS THAT HE WAS ON THE TANZANIAN SIDE OF THE LAKE WHEN THE KIDNAPPING OCCURRED, BUT THAT HE WAS APPARENTLY INFORMED OF IT ALL. BRYCESON SAID FURTHER THAT HE HAD OFFERED THE REPRESENTATIVE ONE THOUSAND SHILLINGS FOR HIS EXPENSES IN GOING AND COMING, BUT THAT THIS OFFER HAD BEEN REFUSED. THE MESSENGER SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING, HOWEVER, TO ACCEPT A ONE THOUSAND SHILLING CONTRIBUTION FOR THE QTE PARTY UNQTE AND WOULD WRITE A RECEIPT TO BRYCESON SO INDICATING. BRYCESON DEMURRED QTE AT THIS TIME UNQTE BUT THEN GAVE THE FATHER OF THE MESSENGER (WHO IS RESIDENT IN KIGOMA AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF TANU, TANZANIA'S ONLY POLITICAL PARTY) FIVE HUNDRED SHILLINGS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE. THE FATHER, BRYCESON SAYS, USED SOME OF THE MONEY TO BUY CANNED GOODS, SOAPS AND TOILETRIES FOR PORTION HIS FAMILY WHO LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.

5. BRYCESON ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING DURING HIS WEEK IN KIGOMA TO ESTABLISH SUCH A CONTACT, AND IN HIS NOTE OFFERED TO MEET WITH THE PRP HIMSELF.

6. BRYCESON TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE (BRYCESON) WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL MUCH MORE SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE REBELS SINCE HE IS KNOWN TO THEM AND HE CAN DISMISS THE MONEY AND ARMS DEMANDS OUT OF HAND, AND THAT HE CAN GIVE QTE SPECIFIC UNQTE ASSURANCES IN QUESTION OF RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

7. THE BRYCESON SCENARIO CALLS FOR HIS CONTACT TO RETURN TO KIGOMA AND CONTACT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER WHO, IN TURN, WILL CONVEY THE MESSAGE VIA POLICE RADIO TO BRYCESON IN DAR ES SALAAM. BRYCESON SAYS HE WILL CONSULT WITH US AT THAT TIME AS TO ANY NEXT STEPS.

8. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BRYCESON INITIATIVE NOW
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HAS TANGOV APPROVAL PROBABLY STEMMING DIRECTLY FROM NYERERE. BRYCESON WOULD NOT DARE ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THE PRISONER QUESTION WITH SPECIFICS UNLESS HE HAD CLEARED THIS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THOUGH HE IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF CABINET, AS DIRECTOR OF TANZANIAN NATIONAL PARKS HE MAY BE THE TANGOV'S REPRESENTATIVE TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE KIDNAPPING SUCCESSFULLY. WHILE PUBLICLY DENYING RESPONSIBILITY IN THE KIDNAPPING, IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT TANGOV IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED. AS LONG AS

WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR CLOSE CONSULTATION, I AM INCLINED TO BE
ENCOURAGED BY THIS INITIATIVE.
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